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HARBOR PLANNING COMMITTEE

Eastham Town Hall, 2500 State Highway, Earle Mountain Room

Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 4:00PM

Public Meeting

MINUTES

Robert Bruns opened the meeting.

1. Review and discuss Draft Harbor Plan and Draft Goals, Objectives, and Recommendations.

The committee talked about including back ground sections on each of the main topics that have been identified and discussed which topics could be combined with in this section. The committee continued to discuss the back ground topics and what the committee is waiting for to complete this section.

The committee also spoke about seals, sharks, water quality and private versus commercial docks and what should be included. The committee continued to talk about docks and ACEC and what is prohibited versus not prohibited. The committee stated that seals and sharks are being looked at by multi towns and doesn't feel it needs to be included.

The committee stated that this section gives a lot of background but feels it should be narrowed down to what is related to the Harbor Plan. The committee discussed if they should narrow down the context and feel that it should be included in the back or the front of the plan and decided either way is legitimate.

The committee spoke about organizing the main topics and how they should be structured, prioritized and maintained with in the Harbor Plan. The committee also spoke of prioritizing all goals/priorities and not just the top ten goals for future reference.

The committee discussed the plan process and timeline and went over different sections and potential titles for these sections.

The committee spoke about the future meeting with commercial fishermen and how their opinions could affect the goals and priorities. Once this is completed the committee discussed how to use these priorities and recommendations and to compare and if necessary shift some of the priorities.

The committee spoke about the background information and discussed what can be included.

The committee discussed town landings and their function, access and upkeep.

The committee spoke about Natural Resources and talked about moorings and respecting natural resources and the municipal efforts to protect quality and red tide. The committee spoke about the background section and how it identifies what has happened in the past and feels it needs an introduction explaining this section is for history purposes and sets up a reference for the future.

The committee spoke of the section concerning water quality results and sending it to the Town's Health agent to review.

The committee discussed the Grant and how it is defined in the plan and what section it belongs within the plan.

The committee continued to discuss water quality and how it should be reflected in the plan. The committee feels that some areas have more detail than others. The committee spoke about editing the plan to reflect problems and who will be addressing those problems.

The committee discussed involving other town departments in reviewing different parts of the plan for verification of information and comments. The committee also discussed drudging and to include different issues and whom is looking into the issues that are not included within the plan.

The committee talked about the timeline and feels that they are on task to get the Harbor Plan out on schedule.

2. Next steps

The committee discussed planning a Commercial Fisherman Meeting and the Harbor Planning Meeting, and what prep work is needed to be taken to prepare for these meetings.

3. Other business.

The committee spoke about the plan and timeline to replace the Rock Harbor boat ramp and parking area.

4. Set next meeting date.

The committee previously spoke of the next meeting dates and stated the following:
Harbor Planning Meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 4:00.

Respectfully Submitted as prepared by,


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